

Our Washington Man Says.

The respective report of the expenditures of Commissioner Peck and Director Rathbone have been laid before Congress. The chief difference between them is that Peck does not charge for fare and Rathbone does. In other particulars the accounts bear a strong family resemblance.

Probably Peck will be able to sympathize with his creditors now that the New York courts have cut him off with aittance of a quarter of a million a year.

The election has been over for a month and Dan M. Dickinson and other would-be organizers of the democratic party have not yet gotten beyond the "whereas" in their efforts.

As early as 1893 Mr. Dickinson was pardoned by Governor Finley for robbing the state on the ground that there are other rascals in the world. But then, as he pleaded pardon on the ground that his accomplices had assured him that they had a gull that would protect him, perhaps his pardon is not so very remarkable after all.

We want to know whether or no Mr. Hanna is to umpire the umpire.

The disclosure in the Senate of the fact that even the Davis amendment will not permit the United States to fortify the Nicaragua canal and that its only effect will be to allow the United States to send its fleets to hover off the mouths of that waterway and wait for the enemy's vessels, is simply astounding. The treaty as negotiated by Secretary Hay would, it now appears, pledge the word of the United States to keep entirely away from the canal and allow an enemy a free course to and through it.

The House has passed the army bill but has stricken out the staff features which constituted practically its only good features. However, the Senate now has a chance at the bill and will certainly put the reform sections back. What the ultimate result will be, remains to be seen.

What a contrast brave little Hollan presents to Germany and the United States! Emperor William, who sent no telegram of congratulation to Kruger when he crushed the Jameson raid and Uncle Sam, who protested so energetically against the Weyerization of Cuba, seem now to have drawn in their horns.

The President is now raising the long yell because Congress wants to reduce taxation too much. It's all a question of beer, the reduction of the revenue from this source being the traditional \$10,000,000 straw that breaks the bank. But then, what can be done? The brewers paid their campaign subscriptions like little men and now they want their reward. Will they get it? Well, rather.

General Mercier is preparing to invade England, according to his own account. Heretofore, General Mercier has been familiar to people this side of the water chiefly through his connection with the Dreyfus case.

It never occurs to the administration that perhaps it could manage to do without the beer tax too, if it would cut off expenditures a trifle. Economy in government, is one thing of which the Republicans have not even a rudimentary conception. If they had, they would loose some of their strongest supporters.

It is pretty hard to learn, via Great Britain, that the British Government justifies Kitchener's Weyerization of South Africa by two clauses in the laws of war as laid down by the United States war department after the Philippine troubles began. The United States is getting into awfully bad company these days.

There are about as many things the next state legislature should not do, as there are it should do.

There is no better place in Oregon for securing Christmas presents than in Albany. Read the columns of the Democrat and call upon the live merchants of the city.

The Boers continue to be in the fight and the war is not yet over. These wars are not over until they are ended. Ours are also affected in the

be difficult for the state to make a worse selection for U. S. senator than by choosing Mr. Corbett, a nice, wealthy old gentleman of Portland. One poorer selection would be McBride.

A census of Salem and all of its suburbs well out shows a population of a little over 6,000 people, which is substantially over 2,000 people has a population of about 2,000 outside of the city limits. But then all cities have suburbs, and the population given in the census is that of the city itself, so that the capital city will have to go on its census figures of 2,258, the same as Albany does on its figures of 3,149. We have some pretty good suburbs ourselves, substantially a part of the city, embracing people who do all their trading here, getting their mail here daily.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 12th, 1900.

There is a war on between the men who boss McKinley's campaign and Mr. McKinley's cabinet. The men who bossed the campaign compelled the republicans on the House Ways and Means committee, to make a reduction of 25 cents net a barrel, in the beer tax, although it made the total of the Revenue reduction bill, now before the House exceed \$40,000,000, instead of keeping it inside of \$30,000,000 as recommended by Mr. McKinley. The cabinet objects and has been even talking of fighting the bosses in Congress, but a word from Mr. McKinley will probably result in making it plain to them that the bosses are not doing more than they were bound to do. One republican, speaking of the cabinet sicks, said: "Why instead of kicking, these men ought to be thankful that the brewers are not demanding the \$1 a barrel reduction they were led to believe before the election, that they would get, these men in the cabinet would know a whole heap more about practical politics if they would work for awhile with men who raise the money for a national campaign. Of course, Mac will quiet them; he knows." Some are predicting the bill will be allowed to fail in the Senate. Representative Richardson presented the minority report on the Revenue reduction bill. It does not oppose any of the reductions made, but favors a more extensive reduction in war taxes.

The Senate has always been an extravagant body, especially in its expenditures for its own luxury, and the fact that the Committee on Finance has just paid \$4,709 for refurbishing and redecorating the room in which it meets shows that it is growing more so.

The story of Rathbone's extravagance with Cuban funds, which was quite as disgraceful as Neely's stealing, is fully told in a pamphlet of 292 pages, now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba. Although Rathbone paid the money out on vouchers, they were vouchers which he knew that no honest auditing officer would pass. In fact, vouchers amounting to \$69,619.21 have been thrown out by the auditors because of the nature of the goods for which they charged, such as \$110 a month for rent for coachman's house, enameled bath-tub and other house fitting for one Madam Jerrins and Household furniture and furnishings of all kinds, including such items as "lining, furniture with brocade silver and gold," and harness and other stable paraphernalia. Although these vouchers have been disallowed, the money had already been paid from the Cuban funds. It will in common honesty have to be made good, as well as the Neely stealing, and it is likely that the task of making good will fall entirely on the U. S., as there is no probability of recovering any considerable sum either from Rathbone or Neely.

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Teachers, we live in a progressive age, and no teacher or class of teachers dare hope to succeed who do not avail themselves of such opportunities for improvement as will be presented at this association. We live at a time in which teaching is actually a profession and not a stepping stone to some other occupation, as has long been the custom.

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Again inviting you to be present, I am, Yours truly, W. L. JACKSON, Supt. of Schools, Linn Co.

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There is no call for dividing counties and states just now. We have all the offices already we can well support.

England is again aroused because the Boers have been doing a little whipping themselves and won't give up as easily as was desired.

Under the head of "boiled cabbage" a Salem paper announces the death of President McKinley's former secretary J. Addison Porter.

The Democrat has received a bundle of pamphlets from Portland, headed "An Exposure of the Boys and Girls Aid Society. Its improper and unjust methods—Is it a graft?"

The Lane board of equalization reduced the value of land 20 per cent. Linn county will pay considerably more than its share of state taxes under the present bill and miss arrangements.

In order to get even with the state the Lane county board of equalization reduced the assessment in that county about one million dollars. Evidently some kind of an equalization board is needed.

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TELEGRAPHIC

England's War.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Lord Salisbury and his colleagues must today feel greatly relieved that Parliament was prorogued Saturday. A grim irony now attaches to Lord Roberts' description of the war as over. Yesterday the War office, for the first time in many months, remained open throughout Sunday, in response to the demand of public anxiety to learn the latest news.

Lord Kitchener is reported to have sent a fresh and urgent request to the government to send out every available mounted man.

Our War.

MANILA, Dec. 16.—Advices from the Boers report that the American troops have been northward and westward for several days and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their stations. The insurgent losses during the last 10 days there have been five killed, seven wounded and 40 taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded.

A Shipwreck.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—The German training frigate Gneisenau has foundered off Malaga, in the Gulf of Gibraltar. The Malaga life-saving boat made three efforts and rescued 15, but the weight capsized the boat and 12 were drowned. The other three were saved by means of ropes thrown to them. The port authorities saved many of the sailors.

The Chinese War.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—Definite instructions supplementing yesterday's communication from London have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow the British Minister, and he now demands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important. This means further delay, as all the Ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments.

A Lynching.

ROCKFORD, Ind., Dec. 16.—Two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowland, who were lynched, murdered and robbed at Sims, a white barber, early this morning by a mob of 1500. The negroes were arrested soon after the murder occurred, and although Rowland's clothing had blood stains on it, they claimed they were innocent.

Bad Wreck.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17.—News of the worst marine disaster of the season in British Columbia was brought here to night by the steamer Ozar, from Union Bay on the east side of Vancouver island. The steamer Alpha was wrecked on a reef near the entrance to Union Bay and not a vestige of the 1000-ton steamer remains. Aer managing owner, captain, purser, three engineers, two able-bodied seamen and a stowaway were drowned.

A Good Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Ray of New York, in the House and Senator Hoar, in the Senate today introduced bills for the suppression of train-robbery in the territories or the United States and elsewhere. It provides the death penalty for those guilty of a hold-up, in case the death of any person on the train results. In case no one is killed, the penalty is made hard labor for 20 to 40 years.

Boers Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The report of an other severe battle resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story, the fighting began at day-break today and lasted for several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1500 to 2000 men were surrounded at Orange river and totally defeated with very heavy loss in killed and wounded. A number of Boers it is added, were captured.

It Must Die.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The subsidy bill is not dead for it may be revived at the next congress. It cannot pass this session. Already there has been organized a determined minority which will defeat the bill and force an extra session if the friends of the subsidy insist on putting it through.

The President Coming.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Scott of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco the builders of the new battleship Ohio, saw the President today and received his assurance that if nothing occurred to prevent, he would go to San Francisco some time next May to witness the launching of the big vessel. The exact date has not yet been decided upon.

Gas Discovery.

ROSELIE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The excitement over the discovery of gas in the country west of Rosalie is increasing as new proofs of the existence of natural gas are discovered. There is no longer any doubt that natural gas of a good quality exists in a large scope of country lying along Pine Creek to the west of here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There promises to be a big fight over the H. plina re-appointment bill when it is taken up in the House after the holiday recess. The Representatives of the states which will lose representatives in the bill are organizing for the struggle. The members of the minority of the census committee are seeking to marshal the available strength among the dissatisfied members.

Who Gets Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Board of Naval Construction is considering the bids for the construction of battle-ships and cruisers, has settled on the points. One of the armored cruisers will go to the Cramps, near Newport News, and one to the Union Iron Works in California. One battle-ship will go to the Fore River Engine Works at Quincy, Mass.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—At the convocation exercises at the University of Chicago, President Harper announced that John Rockefeller had made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the institution. Of this sum, \$1,000,000 is to be used as an endowment fund. It is also stipulated that the \$1,000,000 is to be in university name and is to be considered its absolute property for all time.

Eureka Harness Oil. A good looking horse and a poor looking harness is the worst kind of a combination. Eureka Harness Oil... Give Your Horse a Chance!

pr tant Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Argument in the Porto Rican-Philippine cases, involving the status of those countries to the United States was resumed in the Supreme Court today. The widespread interest in the cases was shown by the large attendance of prominent members of the bar and by a crowd of spectators which filled the public area and overflowed in the corridors.

The River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House committee on rivers and harbors expects to have its bill completed before the holiday recess. As the bill nears completion, with the continuing contracts provided for the total is mounting up far beyond the original anticipations, and at the last moment it has been found necessary to scale all around. It is understood that the bill with continuing contracts as now provisionally agreed upon exceeds \$75,000,000.

A Boer Victory

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony west of Allwals north on Saturday encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's forces. The British retired with loss.

Bushels of Money

"Thrown away by women annually in the purchase of cosmetics, lotions and powders, none of which ever accomplishes its object. Beauty depends on healthy blood and good digestion, such as Karl's Clover Root Tea guarantees you for 25 cts. and 50 cts. per package. Take it and we guarantee your complexion. For sale by Fred Dawson.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will quickly heal the worst burns and scalds and not leave a scar. It can be applied to cuts and raw surfaces with prompt and soothing effect. Use it for all skin and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits.—Fosbair & Mason.

PAY UP.

The books and accounts of the Albany Dressed Beef Co. contracted prior to Oct. 27, 1900 have been placed in my hands for collection. All parties indebted to the firm are notified to call at my office and settle the same without delay.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 13th day of December, 1900, by order of the county court of Linn county, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret Bodine, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present their claims duly verified to the undersigned at his residence in Linn county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, administrator of the estate of J. C. Powell, deceased, has this day filed his final account in the matter of said estate with the county clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and the county court of said Linn county, Oregon, has appointed Monday, January 7th, 1901, at One o'clock p. m., of said day, as the time for hearing objections to such final account if their be any, and for the settlement of said estate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the state of Oregon for Linn county, administrator of the estate of Eliza E. Washburn, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified as by law required, at my home near Seio, Oregon, or at the office of F. J. Wilson in Seio, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has this day been appointed administrator of the estate of Stephen Stoltz deceased by the County Judge of Linn county, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the undersigned at the office of L. H. Montanye, in Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

GRAFTS.

Some people are not as polite as an echo, for they do not return calls. Always refuse a man who smokes cigarettes. One should be on one's good behavior now if ever in life. An Albany man is said to have had some opoidian hallucinations recently. A carpenter goes driving often enough to suit the most fastidious woman. There is a fine field for the increased circulation of money in Oregon during the senatorial contest. Many an Albany man's pocketbook will look like the head of a foot ball player by the time his wife gets through buying Christmas presents. There's many a slip between the hand and their king pin.

Wake Up and Look Around for Your Holiday Goods.

Thomas Brink has just and is receiving one of the largest stock of ladies and gent Rockers and a fine line of Furniture of all kinds and you will save money by giving him a call before you buy. His goods are light and to his price.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bargains in Pianos Until Present Stock is Sold. Pianos selling for \$400 now \$325. Others worth \$325 now \$275. Pianos worth \$250 now for the small sum of \$190. A special bargain in a large fancy Kimball—have \$100 paid on this piano by a party who went into bankruptcy. Will go for balance due. This is a "snap." Two exceptional fine Square Pianos for very little money. These are fine for hall or lodge rooms use. This is no advertising fake; we mean just what we say. Call and satisfy yourselves. If you want a piano now is your chance to secure a bargain! Albany, Or.

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